

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

Commissioner Chairman Joshua Francis called the meeting to order. All Commissioners are present.

**YMCA RURAL TRANSIT**

Kathy Brehmer presented a grant application for a new van (\$38,500 -1803448C) to the Board of Commissioners for their review. Commissioner West made a motion to approve and sign. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Kathy Brehmer also presented the Rural Transit Grant for the Commissioners to review, approve and sign. The grant is for \$409,546 (18034480). Commissioner West made a motion to approve and sign the grant application. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

A voucher for \$27,410, (grant payment for new mini-van (27,410 grant + 6,853 match) was presented to the Commissioners for approval and signature. This is for grant EDS #A249-15-320529. Commissioner West made a motion to sign. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mrs. Brehmer informed the Board that the two vans they purchased in 2013 already have 70,000 miles on them, so she will continue to write grants to help replace them.

**WATER ISSUE**

Johnny and Shonnie Weller came before the Board to follow up with the issue of their neighbor diverting water onto their property. It has become even more of an issue as it is leaving a large amount of debris on the roadway. The Weller's made a CD of pictures and videos they have taken documenting the problems. Commissioner West will make copies of the CD for all Commissioners.

Commissioner Hamman has been at the site to see the problem. He believes that most of the water is coming from the farmer's field and the Weller's neighbor, Mr. Jett is trying to prevent it from coming in his yard.

The Commissioners will review the pictures and video and work on finding a solution.

**SIGN REQUEST**

Jim Christensen, who lives on 400E between 1400 & 1500 N, asked the Commissioners for permission to have neighborhood watch signs placed on that road. There are only about 4 homes on that road and there have been some issues with illegal dumping. They would pay for the signs if the County could place them (to ensure they are placed correctly). Commissioner West made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**IT**

Jim Denniston informed the Board that the quote they received for making the door to the new IT room a badge door was \$3,950. Since it was so high, IT is requesting 6 keys to the door, which will be much cheaper. Commissioner West made a motion to approve ordering the 6 keys. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**STATUE UPDATE**

Mr. Straker informed the Board that everything is on schedule with the repair of the Liberty statue and the Doughboy statue.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **HIGHWAY ENGINEER**

Ken Einselen explained the new requirements for underwater bridge inspections. Butler, Fairman and Seyfert will be subcontracting certified divers if needed (at no extra cost to the County) to meet the new requirements. Commissioner West made a motion to have Chairman Francis sign the necessary form. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

The Board reviewed the RFP for the generator maintenance (Courthouse – EMA-9-1-1). Commissioner West made a motion to take under advisement. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **DLZ BILL**

The Board received a bill from DLZ for work on Bridge # 159 (\$3,432). Commissioner West made a motion to pay the bill. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **PAYROLL**

Commissioner West made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **CLAIMS**

Commissioner West made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **CLERK**

Tawna Leffel-Sands brought in a list of polling places for the primary election for approval. Commissioner West made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mrs. Sands also informed the Board of an issue that has come to her attention from the prior administration. The bond money was given to the wrong person (approximately 8 or 9 years ago). Apparently, the person's boyfriend came in and got both his and her bond money and the woman is now claiming she did not get her money and she wants it. Mrs. Sands believes it to be negligence, not a crime. Commissioner West made a motion that if it turned out we have to give her the money, it would be paid from County General unappropriated. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **PRIMARICA**

Jeff Birnell and Gary Harding came before the Commissioners to see if they had any questions about Primarica. They asked if they could meet with a small group of employees to see if they would be any interest in the services they offer. The Highway was selected and the Board told them to contact Mike Sisson to set it up.

## **HIGHWAY ENGINEER**

Commissioner Hamman made a motion to move the Highway Engineer office from upstairs in the old jail to the lower floor behind the Health office. Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Einselen was not happy with the decision and noted that he didn't feel it was right to have people walking through the Health Department to see him.

Mr. Einselen brought an LPA Re-imbursement claim to be signed by the Commissioners. Commissioner West made a motion to sign. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **COMPUTER POLICY**

Peter Deidrichs presented a computer lock down ordinance for the Commissioner's approval. Commissioner West made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**PROSECUTOR**

Prosecutor Bruce Embrey update the Board on conditions in his office due to the illness of one of his staff. He has hired back a former employee, which is very beneficial to him as far as training and the part time person he has, returned to school but can come in on Fridays. Mr. Embrey also informed the Board that there is an account set up for Brooke Bray at Wells Fargo for anyone that would like to donate.

Commissioner Hamman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**Adjourned**  
**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Chairman**  
**Joshua Francis**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Vice Chairman**  
**Larry West**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Member**  
**Jerry Hamman**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Auditor**  
**Jane Lilley**